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S. 746

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31, 2009

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. JOHANNES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN**
4 **THE SARPY COUNTY REGION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
7 United States Code, a national cemetery in the Sarpy

1 County region to serve the needs of veterans and their
2 families.

3 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before
4 selecting the site for the national cemetery established
5 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

6 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Ne-
7 braska and local officials in the Sarpy County re-
8 gion; and

9 (2) appropriate officials of the Federal Govern-
10 ment, including the Administrator of General Serv-
11 ices, with respect to land belonging to the Federal
12 Government in that area that would be suitable to
13 establish the national cemetery under subsection (a).

14 (c) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL
15 OF LAND.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
17 Affairs may accept on behalf of the United States
18 the gift of an appropriate parcel of real property.
19 The Secretary shall have administrative jurisdiction
20 over such parcel of real property, and shall use such
21 parcel to establish the national cemetery under sub-
22 section (a).

23 (2) INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF GIFT.—For
24 purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes,

1 the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall
 2 be considered as a gift to the United States.

3 (d) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date
 4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
 5 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
 6 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
 7 a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
 8 costs associated with such establishment.

9 (e) SARPY COUNTY REGION DEFINED.—In this Act,
 10 the term “Sarpy County region” means the geographic
 11 area consisting of—

12 (1) Knox, Antelope, Boone, Nance, Merrick,
 13 Hamilton, Clay, Nuckolls, Thayer, Fillmore, York,
 14 Polk, Platte, Madison, Pierce, Cedar, Wayne, Stan-
 15 ton, Colfax, Butler, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Gage,
 16 Lancaster, Saunders, Dodge, Cuming, Thurston,
 17 Dixon, Dakota, Burt, Washington, Douglas, Sarpy,
 18 Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, and Rich-
 19 ardson counties in the State of Nebraska;

20 (2) Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Woodbury, Monona,
 21 Harrison, Pottawatomie, Mills, Fremont, Osceola,
 22 Dickinson, O’Brien, Clay, Cherokee, Buena Vista,
 23 Ida, Sac, Crawford, Carroll, Shelby, Audubon, Guth-
 24 rie, Cass, Adair, Montgomery, Adams, Union, Page,

1 Taylor, and Ringgold counties in the State of Iowa;
2 and
3 (3) Atchison, Holt, Buchanan, Platte, Clay,
4 Clinton, Dekalb, Andrew, Nodaway, Worth, and
5 Gentry counties in the State of Missouri.

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